with gratification, that some of the local papers have recently made certain observations on the Bill, and it is to be hoped that the various provisions in the Bill will undergo thorough discussion. It seems to me that it would be well to defer the consideration of the Bill to another meeting. I beg, therefore, to move that it be taken up at the next ordinary meeting in Edavom.

The motion was put and agreed to.

BILL TO AMEND THE GOVERNMENT LAND CONSERVANCY REGULATION.

Mr. Thanu Pillai.—This Bill has reached the final stage, and I beg to move that it be passed. I may mention that under Section 4 of the General Clauses Regulation, it will come into force upon its publication in the Gazette.

The motion was put and agreed to.

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS BILL.

Mr. Prince.—The next business on the agenda paper is the Negotiable Instruments Bill. It has now reached its final stage. There were one or two minor amendments which suggested themselves to me and of which I have given notice.

Sections 65, 85 and 108. I beg to propose that 'Bank' be substituted for 'Public' before 'Holiday' in these sections. My reason for the amendment is simply this. In section 24 we have used the expression "Bank holiday" instead of 'Public holiday' in the British Act. All public holidays in this country will not be bank holidays. To be consistent, we must use the same expression throughout.

Seconded by Mr. Maltby.

Carried.

Mr. Prince.—In the heading of Chapter XVII, I beg to propose that "Notaries Public" be substituted for "Miscellaneous". The Chapter treats only of Notaries Public and nothing else. This chapter was added in the British Act by Act II of 1885 and the wording there is 'Notaries Public'. I think we may adopt the same wording in our Bill.

Seconded by Mr. Thanu Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Prince.—I beg to move that the Bill as amended be passed and that it come into force on the 1st Chingom 1076.

The motion was put and agreed to.

The Council adjourned at 3-20 P. M.

K. KRISHNASWAMY RAO.
President.

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